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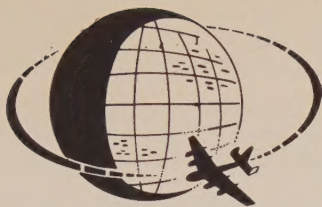
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# AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE CHURCH

## FOREIGN

**RUSSIAN CHURCH PRAISES KHRUSHCHEV-EISENHOWER TALKS.** Metropolitan Nikolai of the Moscow Patriarchate, issued a statement thru the Soviet Press that the Russian Orthodox Church welcomes the exchange of visits and talks, between Khrushchev and Eisenhower, as 'an arrival of Spring in international relations'.

Metropolitan Nikolai, who heads the foreign affairs office of the Patriarchate, said 'In the same way that the sun disperses the gloom of bad weather as it penetrates the clouds, so did the news of the exchange visits bring us nearer to realizing hopes for peace and well being'.

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**CHRISTIANITY TRANSFORMING COMMUNISM', SAYS DR. HROMADKA.** Dr. J. L. Hromadka, a Prague, prominent Czech theologian, told newsmen at the 18th General Council of the World Christian Alliance in Sao Paulo, Brazil, that the Church must be kept alive, at any cost, in Communist countries.

Dean of the Amos Comenius Theological Faculty, who has frequently been labeled an apologist for the Communist regime in his country, maintained that Communism is not really hostile to religion; and that Christianity might eventually transform Communism and make it Christian.

Hromadka, under questioning, admitted he had 'a certain understanding of, and sympathy for Communists'.....he stressed, however, that he, personally, was not a Communist. He said 'the atheism of Communism weakens the authoritarianism of the Church and forces it to justify itself. He emphasized that the Communists are gradually revising their attitude toward religious people.

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**NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CHINA CONTINUES TO EXPAND.** Under the sponsorship of the Chinese mainland government, the 'National Catholic Church of China' is rapidly expanding its organization and work.

The consecration of the thirty-sixth Bishop of this independent Catholic Church shows fully the development, in a few short years, of a vital, national expression of Catholicism. Altho it has separated itself from Rome and the Papacy, it is evident that this separation has not caused disintegration among the masses of followers, or among the majority of the clergy. Such a national expression is a healthy sign in the freeing of peoples from centralized authority, which has often been oppressive. A similar type of 'schism' or separation has been evident thruout history in many other countries of the world. The 'schism' of the Church of England, of the Old Catholics of the Polish National Catholics, and of the Protestant Reformation are common knowledge. All of these bodies and movements were, of course, formerly Roman Catholics. (\*Rome, herself, is also a 'schismatic' body from the ancient Orthodox Catholic Faith, in 1054 A.D.- ED.)

'Kirin Daily News' of Changchun, China, reported the above consecration of Father Wang as the 36th Bishop of the National Chinese Catholic Church. The Kirin paper also issued a warning against 'conspiracies and sabotage by the Vatican.....and its agents'.



AUXILIARY OF ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS IS ELEVATED. Bishop Genadios, former Auxiliary to Archbishop Makarios, head of the Orthodox Church of Cyprus, has been elected to the Holy Synod of Cyprus to be the new Metropolitan of Paphos.

He succeeds Bishop Photios, who announced his resignation from that See last May for political reasons. Despite his resignation, Bishop Photios retains the title of Metropolitan, which gives him the right to be named to any Greek Orthodox See in the world.

The new Metropolitan Genadios ranks second to Makarios in the Cyprus hierarchy.

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PATRIARCH ATHENAGORAS CONFERS WITH CHURCHILL. Patriarch Athenagoras of Constantinople, central leader of the Eastern Orthodoxy, conferred with Sir Winston Churchill for about two hours, recently.

The former Prime Minister was in Istanbul on a visit.

- Another recent visit to the Patriarch was in the person of Adlai Stevenson, who was also on a tour of the East European countries-ED.

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ROMAN PRIEST FORESEES 'COMMON' CHRISTIAN BIBLE. Father Alexander Jones, a British Biblicist, told the First National Roman Catholic Biblical Congress that the time is coming when there will be a common Bible for use by Catholic and Protestant Churches.

The good priest said that the Roman Church is 'gradually losing its suspicions' of translations made by scholars other than their own. He said the Church is convinced that 'no scholar would make a translation that had inaccuracies for he would be risking his reputation'. Speaking to some 1200 priests, nuns and laity, Father Jones said that all Bible reading and study should, however, be 'guided' to 'prevent distortion through taking sections out of contexts'.

- The good father apparently doesn't recognize that Rome bases Her claim of Peter's authority on a verse taken 'from context'. As for scholars 'risking their reputations', he fails to mention the known Roman Catholic forgeries of: the False Decretals and the Donation of Constantine. - ED.

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CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN RUSSIAN AND ETHIOPIAN CHURCHES SOUGHT. Closer relations between the State Coptic Church of Ethiopia and the Russian Orthodox Church is expected to materialize shortly. Such relations have been sought by the Russian Church for some time. The current visit to Moscow, by Bishop Theophilos of the Ethiopian Church, is seen as evidence of willingness on the part of the Ethiopians.

Bishop Theophilos' visit, at the invitation of the Moscow Patriarchate, was in exchange for a visit to Ethiopia, last winter, by two Russian Orthodox scholars.

Religious leaders of both countries have long recognized they have much in common; even though contact during the years has been maintained primarily through Russian and Ethiopian monks in Jerusalem.

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UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA REJECTS CONCEPT OF 'EVERLASTING HEAVEN'. In a 126-page booklet, published by the United Church of Canada's Committee on Christian Faith and Order, some forty-three theologians issued a joint declaration that hell is not everlasting; that there is a second chance at salvation after death; that prayers of the living can help the dead; and that the soul is not a separate and sacred part of a human being.

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booklet is the result of five years research ordered by the denomination's General Council 1954. It does not pretend to be a statement of policy and does not state that it is a forerunner of any change in United Church doctrine. Entitled 'Life and Death - A Study of Christian Hope', it is recommended for study by members of the denomination.

Heaven and hell, the theologians had this to say: life after death should be pictured not as divided into two vastly different and wholly separated conditions or places called heaven and hell, but as one world, which is heaven and hell according to the soul's level of spiritual attainment.

Salvation: If the Christian's ultimate destiny is not determined at death, why should he not consider the possibility of salvation for the non-Christian ends at death? Death does not involve final and irrevocable judgement, nor a complete and instant sanctification. Nor are the dead suddenly transformed at death, so as to put them beyond all need of grace or prayers; intercessory prayer for the dead, by the living, should be given serious and sympathetic consideration. He put it: 'If we believe in intercessory prayer for people in this world, then we should believe in it for those in the next. We are as close to God in both'.

Jesus stated that in His Father's House were many mansions. He never said there were two distinct 'states' after death. As to intercessory prayer, the Orthodox Church always maintained that teaching as of Apostolic origin. In due process of time, universal recognition of the early teachings of the Church will be accepted and a basis for Faith and Order will be established, on which many of the facets of Christianity may affect a union.

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MOSCOW PATRIARCH REPORTED EAGER TO VISIT GREECE. Russian Orthodox Patriarch Alexei of Moscow would 'gladly accept an invitation to visit Greece', Archpriest M. Borovoi of the Leningrad Theological Academy said in Athens.

Borovoi stated at a press conference that 'no difference, canonical or dogmatic, exists between the Russian and the Greek Orthodox Churches'. Describing the two bodies as 'good friends within the great Orthodox family', he stressed the need for tightening cooperation between them.

A Russian cleric was accompanied on his trip by Viktor S. Alexeev, a lay secretary of the Russian foreign ministry, following their attendance as official observers at the World Council of Churches' Central Committee meeting at Rhodes.

On returning to Russia, they paid a courtesy call on Greek Orthodox Archbishop Theoklitos of Athens at his home and presented him with a gift from the Moscow Patriarch.

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EARLY CHURCHES TO BE RESTORED IN GREECE. The Ministry of Education in Athens announced that restoration work on the four Christian Basilicas of Nea Anhiolos, Volos, was started in late July. The cost will run to over a half million drachmas. About one-third of the cost was underwritten by the Psychas Foundation, which gave 10,000 Swiss francs for this end.

Our churches have considerable archaeological value. Additional work is also being undertaken at the Monasteries of Meterou and St. Stephen; the Mt. Athos Monastery of Stavronikita is to have large scale restoration work done.

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CROSS FESTIVAL REVIVED IN ISRAEL. Since the establishment of Israel in 1948, its Christian communities have been gradually restoring historic and traditional festivals to their original splendor.

One of these is the Feast of the Holy Cross, celebrated by the Greek Orthodox Community at

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the ancient Monastery of the Cross in Jerusalem, each September 24th. This ancient fortified building had been evacuated by its monks long before 1948; but in the last few years it has once again assumed its proper prominence as one of the notable places of the Greek Orthodox Church.

According to ancient apocryphal tradition, the Church of the Monastery occupies the site where Lot planted the seeds of the Cedar, Cypress and Olive, which had been given to him by his cousin, Abraham. It was from these seeds, according to the same tradition, that the tree was taken for the Cross, on which Jesus was crucified.

In recent years, during the Cross Festival, Archbishop Isidorus of Nazareth has presided.

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**DAMASCUS PATRIARCH MEETS WITH GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH LEADERS**  
Patriarch Theodosios VI of Damascus, head of the Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch and the Orient, held conversations with leaders of the Greek Orthodox Church in Athens. The purpose of the meetings was to aid in building better cooperation among the various Orthodox communions.

Following the talks, it was announced that the Greek Church will provide scholarships for a number of Syrian Orthodox seminarians wishing to study at the University of Athens Theological School.

● Previous to his arrival in Athens, Patriarch Theodosios had visited the heads of the Orthodox Churches of Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, and Russia. - ED.

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**HARP CONTEST HELD IN ISRAEL.** With more than fifty musicians from fourteen different countries participating in the first annual International Harp Contest and Festival, Israel opened a new door for reviving another traditional and ancient art.

Held during the weeks of September 15th to 29th, the Contest was opened with ceremonies on Mount Zion, Jerusalem, at the tomb of King David, whose mastery of the harp is extolled in the Bible. It was David who played the instrument whenever 'the evil spirit from God was upon Saul' (I Sam. 16:23).

● The Contest winner was given a Lyon and Healy Princess Louise harp and an invitation to be a performer with the National Orchestra of France and the Concertgebouw Orchestra in Amsterdam. - ED.

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**ORTHODOX CHURCH PRAISED FOR EFFORT IN ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT.**  
A glowing tribute was paid to Eastern Orthodoxy for its role in the ecumenical movement (worldwide church co-operation), at the annual meeting of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches.

Dr. Visser 't Hooft of Geneva, the council's general secretary, told the 90 member WCC policy-making body that the Ecumenical Patriarchate at Constantinople (Istanbul) was the first Church to propose the creation of a permanent world council. By this action, taken in 1911, he declared: 'Orthodox Church leaders thus broke new ground for the ecumenical idea and became pioneers later for the organization of the World Council of Churches many years later.'

Dr. Visser 't Hooft noted the Orthodox proposal, at that time, had stressed that contacts between Churches 'need not be postponed until the day when there would be full doctrinal agreement, but that collaboration between Churches could prepare the way for full reunion'. In this fashion, he said: 'that principle came to be a basic pre-supposition of the ecumenical movement.'

Meeting this year in Rhodes, Greece, the committee noted that this was the first time that

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ver convened in an Orthodox country, even though the idea of the Ecumenical Movement sprung from Orthodoxy. (\*The WCC was organized at Amsterdam in 1948 and comprises Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox Church bodies in over 50 countries - ED)

g Orthodox leaders, in attendance, were delegates from the Patriarchates of Antioch, ndria, Istanbul, Jerusalem along with those representing the churches of Greece and as. The Russian Orthodox Patriarchate had two observers present; even though that body a member, it has declared intentions of seeking collaboration with the WCC and working e same goals of unity and world peace.\*

\*Metropolitan Nikolai, of the Moscow Patriarchate, sent a message to the meeting, in which he pledged the Russian Church's support to that end. (Dr. Visser 't Hooft stated, in return, that Council leaders will make a trip to Moscow in December, in keeping with the Spirit expressed by the Metropolitan - ED)

Prof. Carnic of the Serbian Orthodox Theological Faculty, Belgrade, also attended the meeting as an observer for the Serbian Orthodox Church, which is not a member of the WCC. The only Church from Yugoslavia, belonging to the WCC, is the Reformed Christian Church.

Archbishop Iakovos (James), head of the Greek Archdiocese of North and South America, was named a sixth co-president of the WCC by the Central Committee. He succeeds the late Archbishop Michael to this post. Prior to this appointment, Archbishop James was permanent representative of the Ecumenical Patriarch to the World Council headquarters in Geneva.

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CATHOLIC-ORTHODOX TALKS SCHEDULED FOR 1960 IN VENICE. Ten representatives of the Roman Catholic Church, along with an equal number from the Eastern Orthodox Churches, will convene in Venice, Italy, next year for 'theological discussions of interest to Churches', according to Vatican Radio. No date was mentioned, other than 1960.

names of Catholic representatives were not mentioned, three Orthodox leaders were named as being included in the roster of the Orthodox: these are - Prof. H. Alivisatos University of Athens, Father Florevsky of Paris, and Prof. C. Costantinidis of Halki ary, Istanbul.

reports of the coming theological conference developed at Rhodes, during the meeting of entral Committee of the World Council of Churches. At that meeting, two Catholic journa, who were observing the sessions, had informal talks with the Orthodox leaders. The e meeting developed as a result of these informal feelers. The Vatican Radio stressed, er, that while the Catholic Church encourages such contacts, it will not invest them with official consent until a basis has been laid on which an understanding may possibly arise.

tation said: 'The members of the Orthodox Church think that the Catholic Church would hem to capitulate or practically disappear. Nothing is further from the truth. The Cath-hurch wants the Oriental Church to preserve its ancient privileges and customs\*\*\*, in as they do not contrast with the dogma of the Church'.

Unfortunately, one of the principle dogmas of Rome is that the Pope is infallible and can change' dogma at will. Hence, as has already been shown in the instance of the Eastern ite Churches (i.e.-those Orthodox Churches that accepted a Concordat or 'Unia' with rome), original promises are usually violated soon after the ink dries. - ED.

t the recent WCC Committee meeting at Rhodes, Dr. Schlink of Heidelberg University, aid the Orthodox Church had three valuable contributions to give Western Christendom: The influence in the worship life of hymnology and doxology (glorification of God). The dogma of the Eastern Church, which has not become separated from its liturgy, but which remains formulated as a liturgical statement. The relationship between the Orthodox Church and its clergy, 'which, in spite of a hier-



archy, is a relationship of fellowship, in which supreme authority is not a single dignitary, but the Ecumenical Council'.

● The General Secretariate of the WCC, following the announcement by Vatican Radio on the proposed 1960 Catholic-Orthodox talks, issued a statement deploring the unfortunate and contradictory reports in the Roman Catholic Press & Radio. It stated that such reports and misuse of privilege hardly contributed to 'unity'. The Secretariate quoted Archimandrite Emilian Timiadis of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Istanbul:

'The Ecumenical Patriarchate wishes to reiterate that no formal talks of any kind are contemplated. The Ecumenical Patriarchate holds to its policy of remaining the World Council and regrets the unfortunate implication that it is one way or another trying to weaken its relationship with the World Council'. He added that the Vatican Press & Radio had exaggerated the Rhodes discussion.

● Whenever a 'gathering of forces' tends to cloud the world dominance of Rome, the 'ambassadors' of the Church endeavor to infiltrate into the opposing camp and, through various secretive or 'diplomatic' methods, endeavor to split and destroy them. Much like any autoocracy, it cannot engage in open, unbiased or friendly cooperation, without inevitably seeking to assert its despotism and intrigue. - ED.

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ANGLICAN MISSIONARY REPORTS SEEING 'FLYING SAUCER'. According to Rad Australia, an Anglican missionary, who had just arrived in Sydney from New Guinea, stated he had been visiting near Boianai, in northern New Guinea, when a flying saucer circled at low altitude near him and 'with my own eyes I saw several human figures inside'.

Rev. William Gill said: 'I watched the four figures appear on top of the saucer and I have no doubt they were human. Two of the figures seemed to be doing something near the center of the saucer. One of the figures seemed to be standing looking down at me. I waved to the figure and to my surprise he waved back. I flashed a torch at the saucer and it apparently acknowledged it by making several waving motions back and forth'.

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OUTER SPACE BEINGS POSSIBLE; VATICAN PROCLAIMS. Two leading Vatican experts in the fields of theology and science said the possibility of intelligent beings existing in outer space would pose new problems for Catholicism but none of them would be 'incompatible with the laws of the Church'.

Fathers Daniel O'Connor and Raimondo Spiazzi, the two experts, stated that if living creatures did exist on other heavenly bodies that they would be subject to the same moral and divine laws that govern Catholics on the earth.

Father Spiazzi said any moon beings might well be descendants of Adam and Eve who reached the moon in 'some unknown way' in prehistoric times.

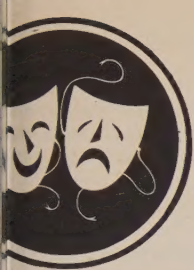
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ETHIOPIAN COPTIC CHURCH ASKS HELP TO EVANGELIZE IN AFRICA. The second-ranking prelate of the Ethiopian Coptic Church, Archbishop Theophilus of Harrar, appealed worldwide to Christian Churches of all denominations to aid his Church in its work of evangelizing non-Christian peoples in Africa.

He stated that, in the last three years, his Church had baptized over 100,000 African converts and that his Church, a native and indigenous body to Africa, was far more suited to such work than any of the other Christian denominations. He noted that most Africans are 'animists', and that even in Ethiopia a good 25% still cling to that type of belief. His Church has a membership of some 11,000,000, with mission churches flung far and wide, some even in the West Indies.

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# IN THE COURTS



**MAY 'BLUE LAWS' UNCONSTITUTIONAL.** By a 2-1 decision, the U.S. Court of Appeals in Boston upheld a recent Federal District Court ruling in which Massachusetts laws prohibiting Sunday business were declared unconstitutional.

A three man tribunal turned down a plea by Attorney General E.J. McCormack, Jr. for a reversal of the controversial case of the Springfield Jewish kosher market that had been doing Sunday business.

The triple basis of the Court's decision was: 1.Restriction of religious liberty 2.Deprivation of property without due process of law(The local Police Chief had closed the market under a 'Blue Law' ordinance) 3.A violation of the 14th amendment of the Constitution which guarantees equal protection under the laws.

The U.S. Supreme Court had previously refused to review cases involving 'blue law' convictions in the State of Ohio; the cases involved store owners who had operated their establishments on Sundays. The Supreme Court refused to review the cases on the basis that there was a lack 'of a substantial Federal question'.

In Harrisburg, Penna., a Federal Court Judge refused to issue a restraining order against the Dauphin County District Attorney, which would have prevented his enforcing State laws against Sunday sales.

Apparently the Federal Court Justices have differences of opinions on what constitutes a substantial Federal question'. - ED.

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**WITH IMMUNIZATION HAS PRIORITY OVER RELIGIOUS OBJECTIONS.** The New York Superior Court's Appellate Division issued a ruling upholding the right of local boards of health to enforce diphtheria immunization despite parents' religious objections.

A panel of three judges ruled that Mrs. Pauline Maas, a Christian Scientist of Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, who had refused to have her three foster children inoculated in 1957, was properly prevented by the local school board from enrolling them in that school system.

The good of the whole should always take preference over the few. - ED.

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**AMERICAN INDIAN MAY BE BURIED BESIDE HER 'AMERICAN' HUSBAND.** The court ruled that an American Indian woman can be buried beside her 'Swedish-American' husband in a certain plot of a cemetery in Minneapolis, Minn. was affirmed in a county district court there.

Forest Home Memorial Park cemetery had a ruling that only Caucasian whites could be buried in certain grounds. Mrs. Erickson contested the ruling, after the cemetery notified them that the husband's body was acceptable to them. The cemetery salesman had gladly taken their money for the two grave plot, however.

Gunn cited a 1953 State law providing that racial or religious restrictions in real estate

deeds are invalid; he also noted that the State Legislature in 1957 had declared a public policy against discrimination and segregation.

- This is not the first case of a cemetery 'being too good' for the bodies of religious or racial 'outsiders'; similar instances having occurred in other countries, as well as in the U.S. - ED.

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EUROPEAN COURT RULES CHILD MAY CHOOSE OWN RELIGION. A child has the right to choose his or her own religion, even against the will of parents, the Genoa, Italy Court for Juveniles ruled.

Involved in the case was 17 year old Alfonsina Sanguineti, who at the age of nine had abandoned the Roman Catholic faith to embrace Judaism, together with her father, mother and sister. Later, she voiced her desire to return to her original faith. Her case was reported to the Juvenile Court by a Catholic Institution, that took interest in the matter. The Court stated that 'even if parents have a right to guide their offspring toward their own religion, no coercion should ever be used'.

- In a case in Oldenburg, Germany, that Court decided that a father cannot refuse his teenage daughter permission to marry outside his Roman Catholic faith, solely because his Church forbids the marriage. The Court said that such an argument is not valid, because after the age of 14, each child is free, by law, to decide what religion to adopt.

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MARRIAGE PARTNER'S CONVERSION IS NOT VALID BASIS FOR DIVORCE. The Nuremberg Supreme Court, Germany, ruled that conversion to another faith of a marriage partner, without approval of the spouse, does not contravene German marriage law and thus is not valid grounds for divorce.

The court held that religious conversion is a matter of personal belief and conscience and a democratic right guaranteed by the West German Constitution. The decision was in direct conflict with a recent verdict of the district court of nearby Ansbach, which held that conversion of a marriage partner to another religion against the will of the spouse is a 'grave misdemeanor' under the marriage law.

- Apparently a higher court of appeal will have to set a final basis to clarify the conflict.

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JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES FINED FOR SOLICITING HOMES. Four Jehovah's Witnesses were fined in municipal court in Nichols Hills, Okla., for violating a city ordinance that forbids solicitors from visiting private residences without permission of the owners.

Defense argument centered on the claim that the ordinance violates constitutional guarantee of freedom of religion. The defense stated later that 'this same thing has come up before, every time we have won on the appeal'. They argued, also, that they were selling nothing, merely passing out copies of their official church publication, 'The Watchtower'.

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COMPULSORY BIBLE READING IN SCHOOLS IS ILLEGAL. Pennsylvania's ten year old law requiring Bible-reading in the schools, and the widespread practice of compulsory classroom recitation of the Lord's Prayer, were ruled unconstitutional by a special Federal Court meeting in Philadelphia.

The three-man Federal Court declared that the law 'amounts to religious instruction or a promotion of religious education' and therefore a violation of the 1st and 14th Amendments. The Justices stated further that 'if the study of the Bible as an artistic work, a treasury of moral truths, or historical text, can be separated from doctrinal matter or religiousness, AMERICAN REVIEW OF EASTERN ORTHODOXY



I find no objection. But the manner in which the Bible is employed by the legislative body does not effect this division'. It added, also, that 'It makes no difference that the gospel truth inculcated may vary from one child to another. It also makes no difference the sense of religion may not be instilled'.

In Mineola, N.Y., State Supreme Court Justice Bernard S. Meyer ruled that the recitation of a 'nondenominational' daily prayer in the public schools is not unconstitutional, but it must not be compulsory. He declared that there is nothing in the 1st or 14th Amendments that suggests any intention to exclude non-compulsory prayers from the schools. He gave the suggestion that 'non-prayer' participants be ushered into outer rooms until the prayer was completed each day, and then allowed to reenter afterwards.

The good Justice Meyer does not state who should write the 'non-denominational' prayer; he also, apparently, is in favor of 'released time' for 'non-prayer' participants to play in the coat rooms. - ED.

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**CITY OVERRIDES ZONING BOARD ON CHURCH SITE.** Superior Court Judge Bell, Indianapolis, Ind., ordered the Meridian Hills Zoning Board to set aside a decree denying permission for a new Roman Catholic Church in that town's exclusive residential area.

Several months ago, the zoning board denied the church the right to build on an 18 acre plot in Meridian Hills. Altho an alternative site of 20 acres had been offered to the church, rejected, because it had owned its site for over 10 years. The court's ruling was based on the principle that it could not envision how such a church would depreciate surrounding properties.

Whether religious groups had experienced similar difficulties in Meridian Hills; legal action being entered into by one of those bodies, the other bodies having had prolonged and difficult negotiations. All were eventually victorious in their fights, however. The tax problem for local communities, where religious exemption is a factor, creates a growing and difficult problem, especially where large tracts of taxable land are involved.

Salt Lake County (Salt Lake City, Utah), for instance, has just instituted a new tax policy. Under its method, all properties ruled as not 'exclusively' religious or charitable have now been returned to the tax rolls. Proof is now required for all tax exempt parcels; formerly, a sworn affidavit was deemed sufficient. Proof of use that the parcel is 100% devoted to religious or charitable purposes is now mandatory. Included in the scrutiny are: parsonages, laboratories, gymnasiums, welfare farms, fraternal lodges.

With operating costs of local government up 110% in the last 10 years, and with a contemplated cost rise of nearly 300% by 1985, it is only reasonable that every phase of the citizenry should shoulder its fair share of the tax load. ED.

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**SPANISH PASTOR 'TRIED' FOR RE-ENTERING CLOSED CHURCH.** A Spanish priest pastor was tried in Madrid, Spain, for re-entering and conducting services in his church, after it had been closed by police.

The defendant, Pastor Jose Nunez Moreno, had been 'locked out' of his church in 1954, by the government under the charge that it was engaged in 'illegal proselytizing'. Seals had been placed on the doors; the influence of several years of weathering had caused the seals to erode and fall off. The Pastor had then re-entered the church and held services. For this he was arrested and put on trial.

The defense argued for production of government documents, in which the order for the original closing could be proven. No such documents were found to be available. Reluctantly, the court ordered the trial suspended until they could be produced by the prosecution. The defense showed proof that they had a government permit, still valid, to use the property. The judge

overlooked these papers and ordered the defense to not mention religion in his courtroom.

Until the prosecution can find its missing documents, the case stands postponed.

- Spain prohibits 'non-Catholic' bodies to have street addresses, religious symbols on an exterior walls of buildings, etc. If so-called 'Protestant' Nations did this same thing to Catholics, the cry would be heard around the world. - ED.

# DOMESTIC



**ALCOHOLISM MAY HAVE NUTRITIONAL BASIS.** According to a theory advanced in an article by Roger J. Williams in the 'Friends Journal, alcoholism can well have a nutritional basis, both in theory and in fact.

Mr. Williams stresses that the disease may also have psychological and sociological aspects as well as the physiological; and that it does definitely have 'anatomical, biochemical, psychological, and sociological aspects.'

The theory advanced is predicated on the knowledge that body appetites, in general, are always mediated by physiological mechanisms within the body: e.g.- when we crave water, food, fat, sugar, salt, lime, phosphate, etc., it is a body mechanism that produces the craving. In keeping with science, the author conjectures that the hypothalamic region of the brain presumably controls the cells and tissues that control the alcohol appetite, even as there are those that control water and food intake. The control mechanisms of the hypothalamus vary, of course, in the individual.

Deficient diets, it has been shown in the laboratory, produce a desire for increased alcohol consumption. An 'alcoholic-prone' individual is one, therefore, whose regulatory apparatus with respect to alcohol consumption is easily upset, if not by hormonal secretions (through tension or emotionalism), then by intake of even moderate amounts of alcohol itself.

Laboratory experiments have found that 'glutamine', an amino acid, which is present in the natural extracts from liver, etc. operates to protect certain regulatory cells and tissues from alcohol poisoning; in fact, a considerable number of alcoholics have brought their appetites for alcohol under control as a result of glutamine administration. Accordingly, early attention to diet may effectively prevent alcoholism from ever developing in prone individuals.

- According to the National Institute of Mental Health, an increase of 10,000 alcoholic admissions to mental hospitals is an approximate annual rate. Of the annual gross total of such admissions (56,000 in 1956, for example), 15% have permanent brain damage due to alcohol.
- The U.S. Dep't. of Commerce estimates annual consumption of alcoholic beverages at over ten billion dollars, which is enough to pay every school teacher in the U.S. an annual salary of \$8,000.
- The National Safety Council's 'Accident Facts' shows that the combined State and Local studies of car accidents reveals that the drinking driver was involved in 30% of all fatal accidents, and that 25% of all adults killed in auto accidents had been drinking.
- Assistant Budget Director of the U.S., P.S. Hughes, recently stated that no money would be recommended by the administration in Washington for any studies of alcoholism,



because 'alcoholism is not considered a disease entity itself'.

Cabinet Secretary Flemming stated in Washington that alcoholism is the nation's number one health problem and that there is an annual increase of some 200,000 alcoholics in the U.S.A., currently.

The First Baptist Church of Idabel, Okla., did what all churches should do: - there shall be an automatic suspension of any 'member proved to be involved directly or indirectly in the manufacture, distribution or sale, either wholesale or retail, of intoxicating beverages, legal or illegal' until the individual divorced himself from 'such involvements' and made 'apologies to the church'.

How any organized church body can continue to keep a member in 'good standing' when it is common knowledge that said member engages in any effort at corrupting society, e.g. - sale of alcohol, dope, prostitution, crime, etc., is incomprehensible, if that church claims to be Christian. - ED.

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RETTE SPENDING DOUBLE THAT GIVEN TO CHURCHES. Americans will spend almost twice as much, in 1959, on cigarettes as they contribute to their churches, the Dep't. of Agriculture predicted.

The Department said cigarette smoking is on the increase and retail purchases will total over \$6 billion this year. Total gifts to U.S. churches come to about \$3 billions.

Nearly 110,000,000 are listed as church members, the estimate shows that 58,000,000 are regular smokers; of these, 35 million are men and 23 million are women. Average consumption is 24 cigarettes per day for men and 19 a day for women.

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SESSIONS OF PRESENT-DAY RUSSIAN RELIGIOUS WORSHIP REPORTED ON. Striking, companion experiences of American travelers in modern day Russia have been recently reported on in a recent issue of the 'Presbyterian Survey'.

Coming from a 4,500 mile journey thru the USSR, May Mackintosh reported that her feeling toward the average Russian person was that 'for them religion had no more significance, no more contact with their lives, than has the collection of ancient carriages and costly Faberge relics housed in the museums of the Kremlin.' However, she felt that the reason for this was not lack of pure science, or technology, against religion; but, rather, a challenge of ideologies. As she meant, that the Western World (i.e.-Christians) have to prove they really are Christians in their lives. That bigger bombs, bigger Sputniks, etc., while they impress the Americans, will, in the long run, not mean as much as the examples we show thru our conduct and treatment accorded to others.

Les Rolston, the other traveler, stated that he found church members in the Soviet as being in sympathy with the economic aims of communism, but at variance with Marx and Lenin on religious matters. He also pointed up that the government definitely controls the physical life of the church. The government maintaining, however, a tolerant attitude toward Christian-

The U.S. Gov't. Printing Office issued on May 5th, 1959 a 34 page booklet; entitled 'Testimony of Petr S. Deriabin' before the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, it contains a series of sworn statements by the former Major of the Soviet NKVD (Ministry of State Security). In essence, the testimony endeavors to point up the situation within the Church in Russia as being that of a 100% Soviet Espionage system, with 'good' priests filling positions in remote spots, where they can do 'no harm'.

**HISTORIC CHINESE BIBLE RETURNED TO HONG KONG.** An Imperial Chinese Bible, brought to the U.S.A. more than 40 years ago, and recently rediscovered in an old church library, is now on its way back to its first home, a Presbyterian school in Hong Kong.

A missionary had originally brought the volume to the Central North Broad Presbyterian Center in Philadelphia, Pa., and had lain on a dusty shelf for years until it was discovered there and turned over to the Philadelphia Presbytery, who, in turn, presented it to Dr. Yi Ying Ma, who is principal of the Hong Kong School, from whence it originally came.

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**CLERGYMAN LABELS STAGEHANDS' UNION 'A RACKET'.** A Minneapolis pastor, preaching at a theater church service, charged that a stagehands' union requirement that he hire two workers, when he needed only one, was 'a racket'.

'A laborer is worthy of his hire', said Dr. J.B. Oman of Wesley Methodist Church, 'but, he has no right to put a gun in your ribs'.

Dr. Oman explained that he needed only one man for a half hour's work before and after service, but was forced to comply with union orders to hire two workers at \$19 each. (The church is holding services temporarily in a theater while the interior of their church is renovated)

● Dr. Oman has now learned what 'featherbedding' means. - ED.

● The Teamsters Union is now actively employed in endeavoring to force itself into the various church organizations thruout the country, by the expedience of 'unionizing' the employees. Both the Baptist Sunday School Board and the Methodist Publishing House are, at present, being faced with the problem of finding themselves in the hands of N. Hoffa.

● The odd thing about the Labor Movement and the Church is epitomized in the glorifying of Samuel Gompers, Philip Murray, and William Green in stained glass windows in Washington D.C. Cathedral of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Whatever such figures have to do with worship of God and glorifying of His Majesty is beyond comprehension unless it is as Dr. W.G. Cole, of Williams College, recently said: 'no more than paganism with a fringe on top'. - ED.

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**NEW U.S. POSTAGE STAMP CARRIES REFERENCE TO GOD.** A commemorative postage stamp bearing the quotation from Francis Scott Key: 'And this be our motto, in God is our trust', will be issued in 1960.

One of a series of six new 'American creed' stamps, issued to remind peoples of the worth of the ideals upon which our nation was founded and which guide our present actions today, the other five will carry the following quotes:

- i. I have sworn eternal hostility against every form of tyranny. (Thomas Jefferson)
- ii. Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. (George Washington)
- iii. Fear to do ill, and you need fear naught else. (Benj. Franklin)
- iv. Give me liberty, or give me death. (Patrick Henry)
- v. Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves. (A. Lincoln)

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**RSV BIBLE CONCORDANCE PUBLISHED.** The first concordance reference edition of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible was published in New York by Thomas Nelson Sons on the 7th anniversary of the RSV.

Called the RSV Concordance Reference Bible, the new work has more than 75,000 center



references, a 192 page concise concordance with list of proper names, and 12 full-color plates.

Since 1952, when the RSV Bible was first published, over 7½ million copies have been sold. The concordance utilized 'Univac', the electronic brain of Remington Rand, for its cross-indexing; this reduced the time element from 30 years to 400 hours. - ED.

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AN PRELATE STRESSES NEED FOR MORE NUN-TEACHERS. Not enough young women are entering religious life to supply the growing need of teachers in the Catholic schools, Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, stated.

The problem is that we are faced with the necessity of employing lay teachers who are compensated in an amount comparable to what they receive in public schools and other institutions of learning', said the good archbishop. He added that by having nun-teachers, the Catholic schools could save great sums of money, because the monthly 'stipend' of nuns is only \$50.

According to a documentary film, entitled 'Captured', an estimated 2,055 nuns and priests are teaching in U.S. public schools. Some 281 schools, in 21 states, are documented as becoming 'Captive Schools' to Rome, even though they are actually public schools by their nature. Removal of the nuns and clerics from such schools would perhaps aid the good archbishop's supply of available labor for use in Catholic Schools, altho one cannot blame the nuns and priests wanting to work in a public school system that gives them a salary in keeping with the needs of modern day life. - ED.

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THE EASTERN ORTHODOXY STRUGGLES FOR RECOGNITION IN U.S.A. Eastern Orthodoxy has been struggling for years to achieve open recognition as a Major Faith in the U.S.A. To obtain this recognition, various bills have been introduced, from time to time, in the State legislative bodies for appropriate action.

States: California, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, and Wisconsin have all passed legislative action to recognize Orthodoxy as one of the Four Major Religions in this country. (Namely: Eastern Orthodoxy, Protestant, Catholic, and Jew)

States: Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, New Hampshire, New York, West Virginia, and Wisconsin have passed legislative 'enabling acts', whereby Eastern Orthodoxy is recognized for the purpose of incorporating churches and communities. This, however, does not render recognition to Orthodoxy as a major faith, but only as a religious body capable of identity with the Church.

One of the problems, in obtaining legislative action 'recognizing' Orthodoxy as a 'Major Faith', has always been the opposition of legislators, who raise the question: 'If we do this, should we then, the Christian Scientists, Mormons, Buddhists and Shintos also receive similar treatment?'

The National Conference of Christians and Jews, a so-called 'Brotherhood' group, has also flatly refused to render Orthodoxy recognition as a Major Faith. - ED.

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THE EASTERN ORTHODOX PRIESTS CONVERTED TO ROME. Two former priests of the Eastern Orthodox Church are now 'converts' to Roman Catholicism. One was formerly a layman of the Syrian Orthodox Church, the other formerly adhered to the Romanian Orthodox Church.

Archimandrite Dmitri Nicholas, formerly of the Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church, entered the Archdiocese of Boston (Roman Catholic) as a convert and was immediately given the rank

of Monsignor and assigned to the staff of St. Basil's Seminary, Methuen, Mass., which is a training center for Catholic priests of the Eastern Rites. Father Nicholas had served for twenty years as a priest in the Archdiocese of Metropolitan Antony Bashir, Syrian Orthodox (Metropolitan Bashir had stated recently, at the 8th annual Eastern regional convention of the Syrian Orthodox Youth Organization, that he personally believed in the reunion of Eastern Orthodoxy and Roman Catholicism - he did not, however, elaborate on why one of his priests had joined Rome and he hadn't) Archimandrite Nicholas was prominent in the founding of the national Syrian Orthodox Youth Organization and had been the spiritual director of that body in the New England Region for five years.

Father Peter Moga of Dearborn, Mich., a former Romanian Orthodox priest, had originally been ordained by Bishop Polycarp Morusca in 1938. He is married and the father of four children. Today, he is assistant pastor in St. Mary's Eastern Rite (Roman Catholic) Church in Dearborn. He is one of many of the married priests active under the jurisdiction of the Roman Pontiff.

- The late Archbishop Michael, of the Greek Archdiocese, once issued an order to his bishops and churches, warning them that -

'The Roman Catholic Church constantly makes every effort to create confusion among the Christians of various denominations and the Greek Orthodox Church in particular. One of her efforts is the establishment of the Uniate Roman Catholic Church. Though a distinct group is a part and parcel of the Roman Catholic denomination, it is intentionally separated from the Greek Catholic Church and its members referred to as Greek Catholics. Many American citizens, either Greek Orthodox or other denominations, are misled and meshed in this group of Uniates in the belief that they are a part of the Greek Orthodox Church and its followers the Greek Orthodox Christians.....the term Eastern Orthodox must be used when we refer generally or collectively of the various Orthodox sects such as: Greeks, Russians, Syrians, Serbians, Rumanians, Ukrainians, Carpatho-Ruthenians, Bulgarians and Albanians. Every other designation or description of our Church has to be eliminated.'

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**MENNONITE ENCYCLOPEDIA COMPLETED.** The fourth and final volume of the 'Mennonite Encyclopedia' was placed on sale recently. A monumental work, the four volume set contains 3,888 pages. Nearly 14,000 subjects are treated in its pages, thus giving a comprehensive history of the Anabaptism-Mennonitism over its 435 year history. Maps, illustrations and biographies of some 2000 Anabaptist martyrs are included.

Twelve editors and a research director cooperated in the thirteen year project, with an editorial advisory council of an additional forty men from eight countries aiding in proper guidance of the overall work and program.

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**'COMMERCIALISM' IN CHURCHES ATTACKED BY LUTHER LEAGUE.** The Lutheran League of America lashed out, in a strongly worded statement, at all church-sponsored events that included: 'fairs, bazaars, games of chance, sales and like enterprises'.

Meeting at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., the 64th convention of the League said such types of church affairs are 'open to serious question when their purpose is raising money for the Church' and that such commercialism within the church is 'a primary enemy of Christian stewardship'.

The basis for the League's act was threefold: 1.Commercialism exploits the name of Christ and His Church. 2.Commercialism tricks people into thinking they are giving to Christ, when they are actually merely buying a product. 3.Commercialism evidences a lack of trust in God in that it is evidence of the failure of free-will giving.

In epitome, the League said that whenever any project is greater than funds available through



will giving, it should never be financed by un-Christian fund raising, for the principle of Church is then destroyed, even though the physical end may be gained.

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**BISHOP JAMES(Iakovos) SUCCESSFULLY OPERATED UPON.** Archbishop James the Greek Archdiocese was stricken with a gall bladder complaint, which necessitated a operation last August. He became ill while on a tour of the southern part of the U.S.

Following his operation in Boston, he went to Switzerland for a rest; from there he went to the Ecumenical Patriarch in Istanbul about the work of the American Archdiocese, as well as the various phases of the Ecumenical Movement and its relation to Orthodoxy world-

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**NATIONAL DANCES AND MUSIC OF S.E. EUROPE PORTRAYED IN N.Y.** The colorful songs and dances of Bulgaria-Yugoslavia-Poland-Romania-Ukraine were all presented and portrayed in the ten week series of Folk Song and Dance that took place in New York City's Central Park Theatre(open-air presentation).

The series was presented as a part of the Henry Hudson Celebration. With the last presentation occurring in mid-September, a cross-section of the many and varied cultural strains that make up New York City was thus shown in dramatic fashion.

The Romanian presentation was comprised of the Anastase Lipovan Choir of the Romanian Orthodox Church of Philadelphia and of the Folk Dance Group from the Romanian Orthodox Church of New York, under the supervision of Mrs. Ingrid Popa. Jean Moscopol whistled the musical accompaniment to the gay dances.

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**GREEK UNIVERSITY PLANNED AT BROOKLINE.** Plans for America's first Hellenic University were disclosed with the announcement that the Greek Orthodox Theological Seminary has purchased a 25 acre site in Jamaica Plain. Known as the Gaspar Bacon estate, the site is adjacent to the present 35 acre seminary grounds, which is just over the Brookline city limits from Boston.

The seminary, of course, is to be the nucleus of the planned university. The university will be non-sectarian, altho it will stress the Greek culture and heritage. Judge John C. Pappas, who purchased the property on behalf of the seminary, said chapters to foster the university will be established thruout the country. He added: 'Spyros Skouras will lead the campaign for the \$100,000,000 needed'.

Judge Pappas and his brother Thomas, along with Angelo Catsidas and Theodore Tonna, are now writing the first structure, a \$250,000 building containing classrooms, library and gymnasium.

The university will eventually have an anticipated enrollment of over 1,000.

Holy Cross Seminary held its annual Open House on Sunday, Sept. 20th; 21 new students were enrolled in the new Class Year.

AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Ass'n.) officially endorsed the program of fund-raising and immediately pledged the sum of \$250,000, to be raised by an annual \$2 assessment of its membership over a five year period. The women's organization, Daughters of Penelope, likewise made a pledge; theirs was for \$50,000, over a ten year period.

The Order of Ahepa has done much in the philanthropic field, over the years. For instance,

in Greece, it established the Ahepa pavilion of the Evangelismos Hospital, the Ahepa General Hospital in Salonica, and seven Ahepa Health Centers. All of these at a cost of more than \$5,000,000. As individuals, they have also done many similar acts: Notable is the example of Sam Konugres of Walsenburg, Colo., who recently received a scroll from Paul for his act; in 1955 he visited his native village of Kastri, where he was amazed to see the village women still carrying water from nearby river sources. He gave the necessary to install a water system. - ED.

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**ESTATE LEAVES LARGE BEQUEST TO GREEK SCHOOLS.** Margaret Phoutrides, widow of Aristides Phoutrides, noted teacher-author-poet, left the bulk of her estate to the American-sponsored educational institutions in her husband's native Greece.

Mrs. Phoutrides died last winter; she was of a Massachusetts family and had met her husband when she was studying at Radcliffe College, Cambridge. He was then a faculty member of Harvard. His untimely death in 1923, at the age of 36, came only two years after their marriage.

The American Farm School, Anatolia College, and Athens College were the three educational schools to benefit from the estate in a gross amount estimated at about \$200,000, or more.

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**SURVEY FINDS WORLD JEWISH POPULATION AT 12,082,000.** A new survey of world Jewish communities indicate that there are about 12,082,000 Jews living in 119 lands and territories.

Prepared by the World Jewish Congress' Institute of Jewish Affairs, the survey was based on information either received from or checked by local representatives of the Jewish body. Most of the figures, however, are 'estimates', not actual counts.

Of the total, 6,176,000 are listed as living in the Americas; 3,273,000 in Europe; 2,006,400 in Asia (including 1,822,361 in Israel); 560,900 in Africa; and 64,500 in Australia. In the U.S., 2,000,000 are estimated to be in N.Y. City; 400,000 in Los Angeles; 330,000 in Philadelphia; 280,000 in Chicago; 150,000 in Boston; 88,000 in Cleveland; 80,000 in Baltimore; 75,000 in Detroit; 75,000 in Miami.

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**DR. BLAKE BACKS U.S. - SOVIET CHURCH CONTACTS.** Dr. Eugene Carson Blake of the United Presbyterian Church advised a group of Hungarian churchmen that all possible communication between Christian congregations in the U.S. and the Iron Curtain countries be maintained.

Addressing the annual Conference of Hungarian Ministers and Church Workers, of the three million member denomination, he said that it always amazed him that many people 'think that when a Christian talks to a Communist, that it is the Christian who is going to be converted to Communism, rather than the Communist to Christianity'. Dr. Blake stressed that 'as Christians, our long range hope is based on what God can do thru Christians...' that counts. Thru Christians, God can modify the aims and ideologies of any peoples, the cleric added.

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**\$30,000,000 FILM OF LIFE OF CHRIST IS PLANNED.** Plans for the most costly picture of all time, an estimated \$30,000,000 production of the 'Son of God', were announced by Parliament Pictures Corp.

William Free, board chairman, said the production would have a cast of 50,000 and 150 principal parts. He declared that one third of the profits would go to charities and religious organizations, many of which have already endorsed the script. The initial financing is being



aged at 9% interest.

four-hour film, which will have two intermissions, is scheduled for production in November 1959. Shooting will take about nine months; simultaneous openings will be set for the Christmas, 1960, in New York, Paris, Rome, London, Madrid, Jerusalem, and Holly-

film will take in the entire life of Jesus from the Annunciation thru the Ascension. The actor, who plays Christ, will remain anonymous.

The previously most expensive film ever produced was that of 'Ben Hur', which was just completed in Italy at a cost of \$15,000,000. Over 100,000 people were employed in the production of the epic story of Ben Hur, the famed charioteer of the early Christian era. Movie-maker Sam Zimbalist, of 'Quo Vadis' fame, was producer. Well worth seeing.-ED.

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ORTHODOX CHAPLAIN RECEIVES AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL. Chaplain (Major) William B. Stroyen, Eastern Orthodox priest, distinguished himself while serving as Prison Chaplain at Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois - 1956 to 1959. For this, he was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal by order of the Secretary of the Air Force.

During his assignment, Chaplain Stroyen converted a two story barracks building into a recreation chapel and conference center, with the help of the prisoners. To better understand the individual inmate, he developed a background study of each man, based on medical-psychiatric-military- and religious histories and motivations; the analysis was used to form a training schedule to meet the needs of the individual prisoner.

Father Stroyen is presently pastor of the Russian Orthodox Church of St. John, Mayfield, Penna. - ED.

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CLERGYMEN ADVISED TO SPEND MORE TIME WATCHING TV. Dr. R. Slaughter, speaking at the national TV workshop of the American Baptist Assembly, said: 'If a pastor is concerned for people's lives, he cannot ignore TV'.

Dr. Slaughter, a minister who has spent six years in the field, has also served as moderator of the Sunday show in Rochester, N.Y. and as a panelist on a religious TV show in Minneapolis. He pointed out that there are moral and ethical concerns in all kinds of programs. He also advised that clergymen should endeavor to get on TV programs. 'Evaluate your talents; maybe that's part of your call', he said. Stressing that preparation is the key to appearances on TV, Dr. Slaughter warned that 'dusting off an old sermon five minutes before air time' is a waste.

Three of Chicago's four TV stations rejected Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's filmed talks, on the grounds that they do not offer religious programming for commercial sponsorship. Bishop Sheen, a Roman Catholic, tried to argue that his talks were never religious, but were 'philosophical' in nature and therefore should be allowed to be broadcast. The stations pointed out that commercial sponsorship and sponsorship by a standing religious group were two different things and that he could have the Church sponsor it and it would be alright. Apparently the Bishop couldn't adopt this method. - ED.

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POSTMARKS WITH A BIBLICAL NAME. An interesting study of U.S. postmarks was done by an Israelite, recently. Among the thousands of postmarks, a large number were found which carried a Biblical name of one sort or another.

Asked as to why this should be, he pointed out that the Bible has played a very important part in the life of the American nation and that the movement of various religious bodies and other elements of American life have readily left a trail of Biblical place names in their

wake. One of the most outstanding of these is the migration of the Mormons and the place names left behind as their move went onward, to the West.

To give an idea of how even the names of Biblical and Holy Land hills and mountains found their place in America, a few are here listed: Mt.Olive, Mt. Hermon, Mt. Hebron, Mt. Zion, Mt.Moria, Mt. Nebo, Mt. Ephraim, Mt. Gilead, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Judea, South Gilboa, Scopu

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**HONORS RENDERED TO ORTHODOX PRIEST.** In a variety of events, both civic and private honors and testimonials were rendered to Father Constantine Theodore, former pastor of St. Spyridon's Greek Orthodox Church, Newport, R.I. Having served that Community for the past seventeen years, he was transferred late last month to his new charge at the Greek Orthodox Church, Patchogue, L.I., N.Y.

Married, with two sons, Father Theodore was given unusual praise by Press, Radio, Civic Church, Fraternal, and Community leaders, for his long and outstanding work in the Newport area.

After graduating from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Theological School in 1942, he was given the charge of St. Spyridon's Church in Newport. During the years following, he served in many and varied offices and capacities; among them - president of the New England Greek Clergymen's Ass'n., president of the Rhode Island Eastern Orthodox Council of Churches, chairman of the Greek Orthodox Youth Ass'n. in R.I., chaplain of the Maud Howe Elliot Center of Ahepa in Newport. He was also one of the founders of the Newport County Council of Churches.

Various letters and testimonials of praise were also given to the clergyman; among these were letters from U.S.Senators Theodore Francis Green and John O. Pastore, as well as the Governor of the State, His Excellency Del Sesto.

- Recognition of Eastern Orthodoxy, both in Rhode Island and in the Armed Forces, are due, in part, to the energetic efforts of Father Theodore. He deserved all praise coming to him. Axios. - ED.

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**GROUND BREAKING FOR NEW GREEK DAY SCHOOL.** The Greek Orthodox Church of St. Constantine, Brooklyn, N.Y., held a 'ground-breaking' ceremony for its new Day School and Center last September 27th, following the Divine Liturgy.

The establishment of such a school and center has long been a dream of the Community, and has only been realized after years of patient waiting and striving. The building, to be built along modern lines, will be the first of its kind in Brooklyn. A year will pass, however, before the construction work has been completed.

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**RUSSIAN ORTHODOX PRIEST IN DELEGATION THAT VISITS EISENHOWER.** Rt.Rev. Joseph J. Pishtey, pastor of the Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church of Yonkers, was a member of the delegation of church leaders who visited President Eisenhower recently.

Acting both as a delegate from the Russian Orthodox Church of America and also of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, Father Pishtey was one of many delegates that each represented a national member communion of the Council.

The purpose of the visit was 'to let the President know of the prayerful concern which Christian Church leaders have for the heavy responsibilities he is carrying on behalf of our country and world peace. And also to inform him that church members throughout the country will not only be praying for him, but will be studying and discussing important questions confronting our nation and the world during this year of the Nationwide Peace Program, which is being conducted by the churches thru the National Council'.

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HOLDS TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION IN ST. PAUL. The weekend of last  
mber 4th-6th, saw delegates from the nationwide organization of 'American-Romanian  
dox Youth (AROY) gather in St. Paul, Minn., for the observance of the 10th Annual Con-  
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ry's Romanian Orthodox Church, in St. Paul, was the scene for the Convention\*. (\*AROY  
only Orthodox Youth group which still holds its annual meetings in the Church; other  
s hold their meetings in hotels. AROY feels that direct contact with the Church is more  
tant than the usual secular atmosphere of a commercial surrounding.)

eynote address, by Father Hategan, stressed that the future course of AROY depended  
'understanding' of the Orthodox Faith and a 'living' of it by the youth. In another  
age, Bishop Valerian said that one of the main functions of AROY was to see to it that  
church attained its proper status in American Life.

ights of the Convention included a \$1000 donation by AROY to 'Solia', the national paper  
Romanian Diocese, and another \$1000 to the Romanian Orthodox people of Shell Valley,  
oba, Canada, for the establishment of a camp, that will be modeled after the American-  
nian Camp at Vatra.

960 Convention was voted to be held in Youngstown, Ohio.

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15th NATIONAL CONVENTION HELD IN YOUNGSTOWN. The American-  
tho-Russian Youth held their 15th National Convention in Youngstown, Ohio, with over  
legates and guests participating.

weekend of September 5th-7th, Labor Day weekend, saw the ACRY Annual Convention  
at the Pick-Ohio Hotel. St. Michael's Church, the host church, was located about two  
from the Convention site, thus making it quite easy to attend Divine Services there.

Convention handled a great deal of business, the more important items being:

A committee was selected and authorized to prepare a suitable design for an  
appropriate Orthodox Church road sign and submit it for approval to the Church  
authorities. Once approved, they would be manufactured and sold to local churches.

A \$1000 gift was voted to the Diocesan Building Fund for an Episcopal residence.  
An additional \$500 was directed to be given to Christ the Saviour Seminary. Num-  
erous other donations were given or authorized by Districts and Chapters for worthy  
Church purposes.

Scranton, Penna., was selected as the site of the 16th National Convention.

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NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF GOYA IS NOW EDITOR OF 'HELLENIC CHRONICLE'.  
st A. Villas of Minneapolis, Minn., was recently appointed Editor of the 'Hellenic Chronicle',  
ar weekly newspaper for Greek Orthodox Christians of America.

Villas was one of the founding spirits of the GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth of America) and  
d as its first national chairman. Presently, he is also the Archdiocesan representative to  
national Council of Churches.

graduating from Columbia University and the University of Minnesota, where he taught,  
rved as editor of a Greek Orthodox newspaper in Minneapolis and also produced and  
ed the NBC radio-TV program 'The Hormel Caravan'.

g with his wife Vicki in Dorchester, Mass., the two Villas's are heading up the national

GOYA Chapel Drive for funds to erect a Byzantine-style chapel at Holy Cross Theological Seminary in Brookline, Mass. To date, the fund has received approximately \$35,000, with additional estimated \$20,000, which has been raised by local GOYA chapters, but not yet turned in. The total goal is \$150,000.

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8th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF GOYA HELD IN GRAND RAPIDS. During the week of August 22-29, 1959, the Greek Orthodox Youth of America held its 8th Annual International Conference at the Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Archbishop Iakovos, stricken with an operation, could not attend, but was represented by His Grace, Bishop Polyefktos of Pittsburgh. The Archbishop's message was delivered, however; it is here quoted in part:

'I believe that our Greek Orthodox Youth of America must think of its organization (GOYA) as an organ of divine calling, providence, and destiny. You are the Church of tomorrow; not simply its continuation. You must be youthful, vigorous.....fully conscious of its faith, of its strength, and of its task'.

GOYA was designated as the official youth organization on October 28, 1952, by the late Archbishop Michael; subsequently, the 12th Ecclesiastical Congress, in 1954, authorized the allocation of \$5000 annually to GOYA, from the Archdiocese, for the operation of its program. As such, GOYA is directly under the Archdiocese and has its national headquarters at 10 E. N.Y.C., in the Archdiocese. Undoubtedly, Archbishop Iakovos, feeling as he does about GOYA, will allocate them the needed separate facilities in the Archdiocese; at present, they merely share space there.

Annual income of GOYA runs about \$30,000. As this is not a sufficient amount of money, the organization is often in a very precarious financial position. A part-time Executive-Secretary is now employed, which aids immeasurably in lightening the load that fell on volunteers.

There are fifteen districts, of varying sizes, in the organization of GOYA, with approximately 180 active chapters and a reported paid membership of some 9500. Since the inception of GOYA, however, there have been 277 chapter charters issued, with an aggregate membership of 18,000. By having, at present, nearly 100 inactive chapters and a falling off of members of nearly 50%, the organization is badly hampered.

Depletion of income forced the publication of The Goyan to be cut from a quarterly to a semi-annual publication (December & June); but, a new publication, The Goyan National Bulletin, was commenced as a monthly 'news' media - The Goyan to be a literary-religious feature publication. It was shown that the costs of the parallel publications would actually be less than continuing the quarterly as before.

In the missionary field, GOYA established a study group, under Dr. John Johnstone, which issued the 'GOYA Missionary'. The work of this committee was brought to a halt, however, with the arrival of Archbishop Iakovos.

The Archbishop believes that physical missions, to lands where Christ's name has already found entry, are against the Spirit of the Gospel and should not be added to, nor reinforced any way. He feels the Church has a 'mission' and it can't be done thru 'missions'.

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CATHOLICS CHIDED FOR LACKING KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THEIR FAITH. Too many Catholics know more about Grace Kelly than they know about Sanctifying Grace, a well known Roman Catholic theologian said recently.

Father Joseph E. Manton, C.S.S.R., of Boston, added that 'many of us have oceans of knowledge on chit-chat, but only an eye-dropper' knowledge of the Faith of the Church.

Many Catholics, Father Manton said, know 'more about battling orders than Holy Orders'; more about 'guided missiles than Mass missals'. He urged that Catholics should carry their Faith like a lantern and to avoid becoming 'tavern theologians'.

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